Potteries Expert Mr. Deb.

140. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what was the amount given to Mr. Deb for his report on the Potteries at Chalakkudi;

(2) what was the amount spent by the Government for his journey from Calcutta and back and the amount spent for his travellings in the State including the cost of his staying in the State;

(3) what were the observations he made for the development or improvement of the Potteries; a copy of his report may kindly be placed on the Table;

(4) whether the Government have accepted any of his schemes; if not, why not;

(5) whether it is a fact that no record is kept marking the results of the investigations made by the experts who were from time to time in charge of the Potteries?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—

(1) Rs. 1,000.

(2) Rs. 400—15—0 and Rs. 227—7—0.

(3) The Member is referred to the copy of the expert's report placed on the Council Table.

(4) The report is under consideration.

(5) It is not a fact.

Official Receiver, Anjikaimal District Court.

141. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) the name of the present Receiver of the District Court of Anjikaimal, Ernakulam;

(2) the date of his appointment;

(3) the names of the candidates, if any, who had applied for the post in 1103 and 1104 and their qualifications;

(4) the qualifications of the present Receiver;

(5) the period of his practice at the Bar;

(6) whether he is a bona fide Cochinite;

(7) whether he is in any way related, and if so, in what way, to the present Diwan of Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(1) Mr. N. S. Lakshminarayana Sarma.

(2) 16th Makaram 1104.

(3) None applied in the years 1103 and 1104.

(4) He has passed the B. A. and B. L. degree Examinations.

(5) He was a District Court Vakil from 19th Mithunam 1099 and a Vakil of the Chief Court from 1st Chingam 1101.

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(6) Yes.

(7) He is related to the present Diwan of Cochin being his son-in-law.

Sub-Inspector B. V. Thomas.

142. Mr. M. K. Raman.— Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) whether it has received in 1104 any printed communication from the Christians of Ollur, with allegations of certain misconduct on the part of the Sub-Inspector, Mr. B. V. Thomas; if so, will the Government kindly place the paper on the Table;

(2) was any investigation made by the Commissioner of Police in regard to that matter;

(3) did the Commissioner inspect the account books referred to in the pamphlet;

(4) was any explanation taken from Mr. B. V. Thomas in regard to that matter;

(5) were any witnesses questioned by the Commissioner in his investigation; if so, were statements recorded from any of them;

(6) how was that matter disposed of?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes; copy is placed on the Council Table.

(2) Yes.

(3) No.

(4) No.

(5) No.

(6) The allegations were found to be groundless and the matter was dropped.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Did the Commissioner of Police get the extract of the account also?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, a copy of the extracts of the accounts was sent to me along with the petition.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—In the investigation, was the Commissioner able to discover why such a large amount as Rs. 94-5-0 was spent for bringing the Inspector?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, no enquiry was made to that effect.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Why was the account books not inspected by the Commissioner?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Because only a copy of the accounts was sent to me, and even in that copy there was nothing stated definitely in connection with the Sub-Inspector.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—But when did he verify that the copy was correct? Did he verify it with the original accounts?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I did not do it.

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